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*If an Office is listed as vacant – it means the Barony is looking for someone to fill the office.*

*The Barony runs on volunteers and being an officer is a great way to learn things and help out. If you are not sure, there are people who will help figure things out and many offices can share the work load with deputies to help. New officers bring new ideas and this is one way the Barony grows and thrives. Being a deputy is a great way to learn about things. It does not automatically mean you have to take over the office, so give it a try?*

**upcoming events**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>BRANCH</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
March 7	Seagirt	Salon Artificum
March 21	Seagirt	Daffodil Tournament and Feast
March 28	Danescombe	Tournament of Roses
April 11	Lionsdale	Tir Righ Heraldic and Scribal Symposium
April 17-19	Ramsgaard	Quest for the Golden Fleece
April 25	Lionsdale	St. Catherine's TUTR
May 2	Thornwold	Sir Edward's Memorial Tournament
May 9	Lions Gate	Canterbury Fayre
May 23	Lions Gate	Lions Gate Champions
May 29-31	Lions Gate	SeaLion War

**event reports****input wanted...**

Have you ever wanted to be a reporter? Write up something for others to read about what happened at an event you attended? Tell us about the silly (or serious) side of what went on.

The North Wind would love to have people submit event reports. Long or short, prose or poetry, verbose or point form, please tell us about events you attended and what happened.

**updates to the customary**

The customary has been reviewed and the changes were approved by Baronial Council at the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The new version will be posted to the website.

## LIONS GATE BARONIAL BANQUET, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

As Lions Gate continues to look back at its history over the last 50 years, this year's Banquet was a retrospective of Lions Gate with a focus on foods each of our Barons and Baronesses have enjoyed at Banquet over the years. After all, it was 50 years previous that the first Lions Gate Banquet was held. That first Banquet was the Baron's Banquet as Lions Gate was still a shire. The following year, it changed to the Baronial Banquet after Lions Gate had become a Barony. It has been the Baronial Banquet ever since.



There was even an attempt to condense and highlight the history of the Barony in a subtlety presented by the Butlery crew, and yes, the portcullis actually worked. All the Barons and Baronesses were represented but fitting in the Sergeantry and the rest of the populace was a much more difficult task. The crew included both experienced hands, such as Fiona and Trinda, as well as two new younger members of the team, Kiera and Sage. Just check out that detailed work on the marzipan they accomplished.

### AWARDS

- ~ Mortar & Pestel – Sgt Galath abd Kormakr  
Given for an amazing steak dinner at Avacal 10 year celebration

## LIONS GATE OFFICERS

All branches in the SCA work because of their officers. These are the dedicated folks who make sure things keep moving along. Sometimes their work is obvious and out in public – after all, no tourneys happen without Lists! Sometimes the work is more behind the scenes – without the Exchequer, who would keep tabs on the money we need for site deposits, insurance, etc. to have those tourneys? So this issue will take a look back at Lions Gate officers over the years. What they do and why. Some officers are required to be a Barony and some are there to help certain activities happen. There are officer roles which no longer exist, officer roles which evolved over time and new roles which have been added as the mundane world changed.

Many of the Offices were listed in the North Wind compendium towards the back. However, a number of offices were not. Some offices were listed in an on again/off again manner which had nothing to do with whether the office was vacant or not. Some folk filled the roles of the officers and performed the duties enhancing the Barony but are only found out about when mentioned in the articles and columns of the North Wind.

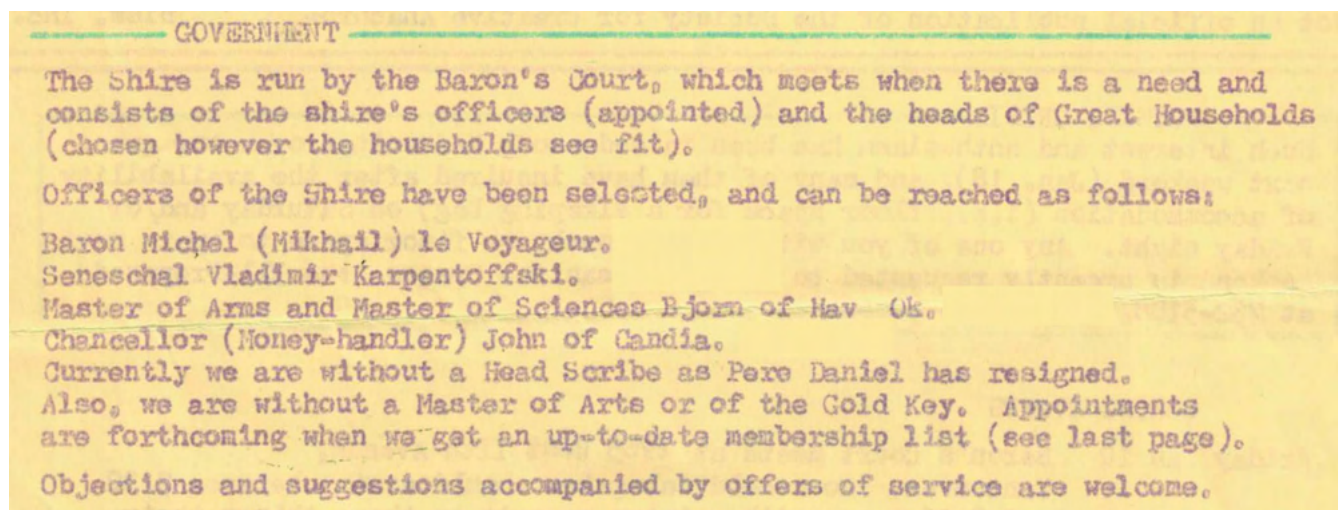
Choosing officers is done by Lions Gate Council. Usually someone applies for the office, council reviews the application, asks the applicant to speak to council and council votes on it. Sometimes there are more than one candidate to choose from. The most common route is that someone volunteers to be a deputy for that office and gets to know what is involved with the role beforehand.

There are Great Offices the Barony must fill to exist and minor offices which help get all the things done. The Shire started with just 7 officers and now there are 26 officer positions. Some offices have come and gone over the years as the SCA and the mundane world the officers interface with have changed. This North Wind will take a look back over the years of the officers of Lions Gate.

### Come step into the world of the officers...

#### the beginning...

The first Officers as listed in *North Wind #1, January 1975* were



Arts and Sciences were separate offices in the beginning. Not having enough officers was already an ongoing issue and so sometimes people held more than one office. People did, and do step up to meet the Barony's needs. The North Wind was handled by an Editor.

By *North Wind #2, February, 1975* the Shire of Lions Gate had an Arts officer Designate. Changes were frequent as the incipient Shire of Lions Gate was establishing itself.

In *NW #3 May 1975*, a new Baron was being sought, and both the Seneschal and Chronicler had changed.

*NW #4 June 1975* listed an Acting Baron (Gerhard Kendal), Acting Seneschal (Seagha of Green Mountain), Keeper of the Calendar (Cewellan the Bold), Master of Stables (Bjorn of Hav Ok), and Master of Sciences (Gerek the far-seeing)

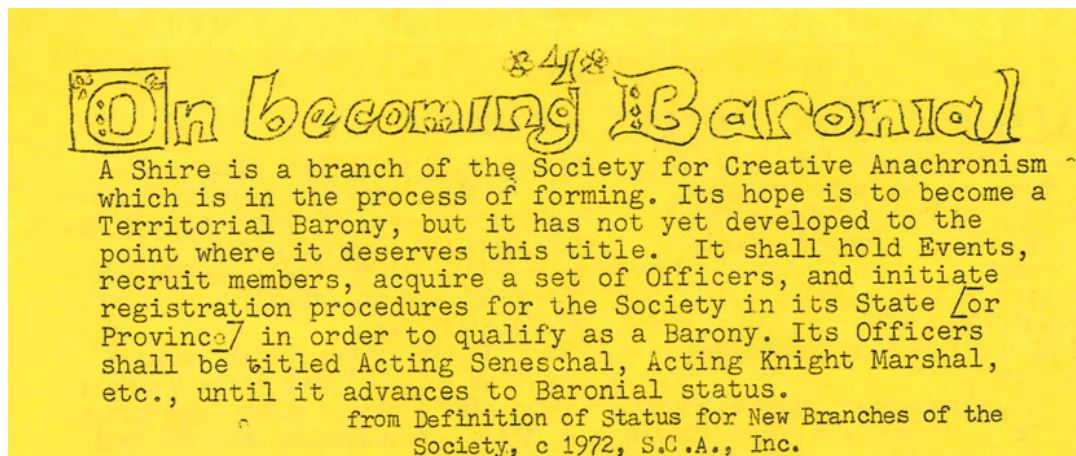
*NW #8 April 1976* listed the office of Herald for the first time – held by Morgan of Aberystwyth. It also listed the Chatelaine – Amanda.

In the early years Guilds handles a number of roles Lions Gate now has officers for such as Dance, Bardic, Scribes, Archery and Rapier (then known as small sword).

*NW #9 May 1976* listed the first official deputy – that of deputy seneschale.

*NW #10 June 1976* just prior to becoming a Barony, Lions Gate had the full slate of needed officers including some not mentioned before. Baron, Baroness, Chatelaine, Seneschale and deputy, Master of Sciences, Mistress of Arts, Chancellor (aka exchequer), Keeper of the Calendar, Herald and Master of Stables.

*Editors note: Arts, Sciences and Stables were listed as Master or Mistress depending on who held the office. It had nothing to do with peerage titles but just was the officer a man or a woman.*



*NW #14 November, 1976* actually explained what the officers did:

WHO TO CONTACT ABOUT WHAT --- Officers ---

SENESCHAL- Contact him about anything you want to know about anything in Lions Gate or the Society in general or administration. He may refer you to another person.

KEEPER OF THE CALENDAR- About planning events, and what's happening. See above.

MASTER OF STABLES- Fighting in general, practises, arms & armour.

HERALD- Names, personal devices & arms, protocol, heraldry in general.

MISTRESS OF ARTS- Costuming, artistic endeavours, manners & customs, literature, music & dance, cooking, sewing & needlework, crafts of non-military nature.

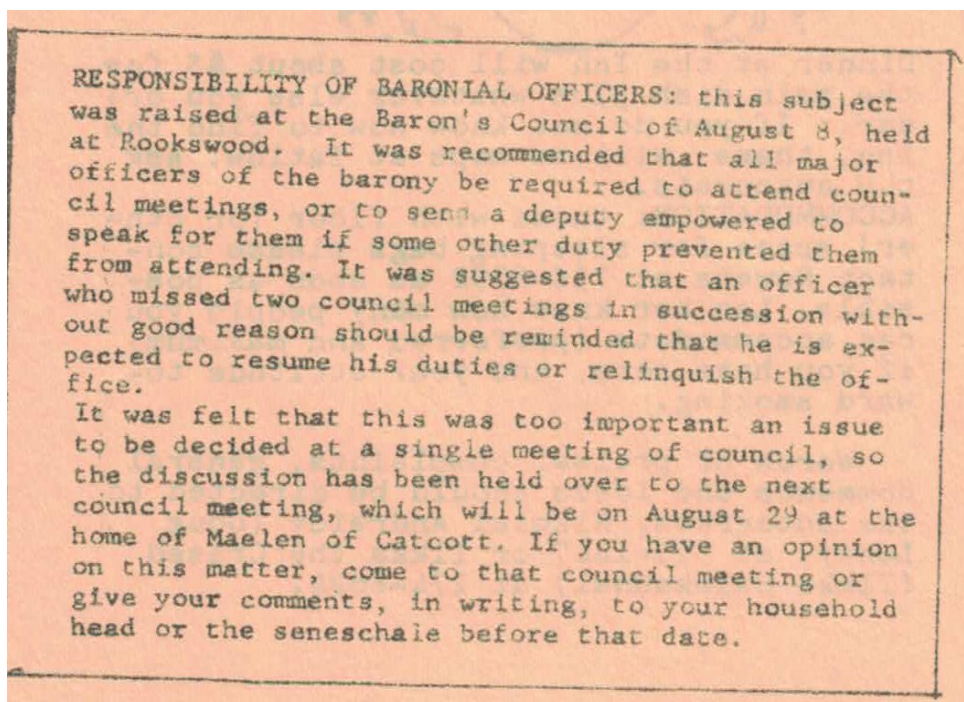
MASTER OF SCIENCES- The sciences, particularly military, and mediaeval technology.

CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER- Monetary concerns, leaving your estate to the Barony, etc.

CHATELAINE- If you have any queries about who has what skill or resource, ask her. For newcomers, she will introduce you to the customs of the Society.

MISTRESS OF THE GOLD KEY- She has costumes for those who lack them at events. Acting

NW #29 August, 1978 brought up the issue of officers responsibilities.



NW #30 September 1978 indicated the proposal was accepted by council. It also has the first mention of an officer with multiple deputies – Arts had 2!

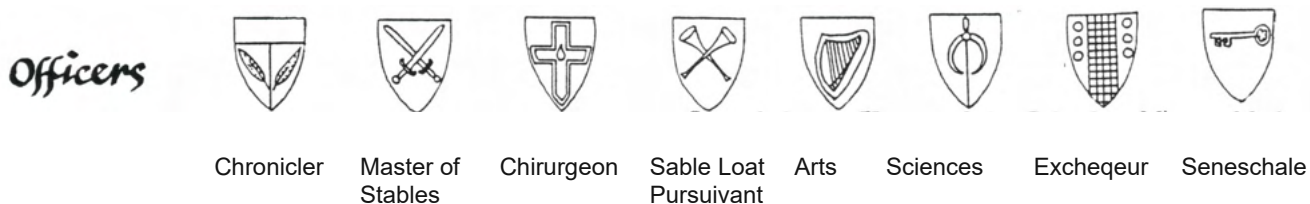
NW #123 Nov 1988 Reporting is one of those officer requirements but sometimes the seneschale needs to send a reminder:

**A Note to Officers**

Doomsday Reports are due by Dec 1.

*Maelen.*

NW #145 Feb 1991 showed some of the office badges:



NW #155 Feb 1992 brought up the issue of being required to change an officer by the crown, A royal decree was published. This was considered contentious by many. The barony had up to this point been able to choose officers without intervention. It was a period where changes were happening and the issues around officers and the office requirements which have to be met by a branch of the SCA, (regular reporting being one major item) and a regular length of term of duty were evolving into a more structured approach.

NW #158 May 1992 – brings up the subject of officer positions not changing very often. People mentioned they did get not a chance to become an officer. There were positions that opened up but up to this point officers served as chosen by council and there were no time limits on the length of service. Changes could be forced by Kingdom but they usually went with what the barony chose. Offices did come open and there was a call again for deputies to help with and learn the offices. This North Wind reported 2 officer changeovers happening with 2 other officers needing replacements. There were now 19 officers listed in this issue.

NW # 176 March AS 27 In this issue the Chatelaine listed what every officer did as a guide for newcomers. However, the one thing not mentioned was the need to do those reports... Around this time there was more discussion of how officers were chosen. It was usually by the outgoing officer presenting a candidate to the council, which then made the decision. Anyone could participate in council – you just had to show up.

**Greetings!** It has recently come to my attention, via a conversation with a newcomer, that while the compendium listed on the back of the North Wind was helpful, it failed to explain what exactly all these people do. So here is a run down on these positions:

**Master/Mistress of Arts:** Responsible for the encouragement of the medieval arts. May organize classes or workshops to further information and research.

**Master/Mistress of Sciences:** Same as above in relation to science.

**Seneschal/e:** The chief executive officer, coordinator and legal representative of any SCA group.

**Sable Loat Persuivant:** The chief Herald of Lions Gate. Helps members choose proper names and devices (coats of arms) to be registered within the Society. He/she is also in charge of announcement at court and at events.

**Master of Stables:** In charge of training, helping equip and supervise fighters in all forms of SCA combat; also organizes the marshals and maintains safety on the field.

**Constable:** In charge of security at events, seeing that regulations pertaining to any event are enforced.

**Chronicler:** In charge of all Baronial publications.

**Chancellor of the Exchequer:** Treasurer, financial officer of the Barony.

**Keeper of the Calendar:** Responsible for keeping track of local and area events and ensuring there is no conflict between planned events.

**Chatelaine:** (that's me!) Responsible for greeting newcomers and helping them with their first few months of society life.

**Gold Key:** Loans costumes to newcomers and visitors during events.

**Chief Archer:** Responsible for arranging and conducting archery practices and events in the Barony.

**Dean of Fence:** Responsible for the conduct of fencing within the Barony.

**Dance Master:** Responsible for the teaching of dancing at regular practices.

**Master/Mistress of the Lists:** In charge of managing the waivers each fighter and marshal must sign and the order of combat at a tourney.

**Chirurgion:** In charge of medical aid at events.

**Dragonward:** In charge of co-ordinating people with cars and available space with people without cars who need transportation to events.

**Waterbearers:** Coordinates volunteers who supply water to the fighters, marshals and general populace at tournaments and wars.

**Demo Coordinator:** Coordinates requests for demos and gets volunteers to autocrat them.

**Gamesmaster:** Teaches period games and coordinates gaming at events.

**Pied Piper:** Coordinates activities for children at events.

NW #185 March AS 29 had requests for 5 officer positions needing filling. Like any volunteer group, there are patches where it's hard to get people to volunteer. The issue also included the process whereby an officer is selected.

### Choosing Officers in the Barony of Lions Gate:

This is the process as it ideally takes place currently:

- 1) The present officer indicates to the Baron and Baroness and the Seneschal(e) of his or her intention to leave their office.
- 2) The Officer announces his/her desire for a successor at the next Baronial Council.
- 3) A notice is put in the North Wind requesting that all gentles interested in assuming the office submit applications to the Baron and Baroness, Seneschal(e) and outgoing Officer by a specific date.
- 4) Once the deadline for applications has passed information is put in the next North Wind on each candidate, even if only one has come forward, and their qualifications for the office.
- 5) At the Baronial Council following the North Wind, a discussion is held during which a consensus is reached on which candidate will succeed to the office

NW #223 Jan 1999 had a number of offices again looking for officers. Some things never change.

NW #241 October 2000 had Lions Gate looking for more officers – 4 positions needed filling at his time. Some things are ongoing...

NW #274 Jan 2004 saw a change in Master of Stables after 8 years. Officers were still not restricted as to length of time holding an office. There were now 25 different offices, not including Baron and Baroness.

NW #304 March 3007 saw the first mention of a constitution for the barony. This would eventually become the customary.

NW #309 Sept 2007 was the first North Wind mention of Greater and Lessor Offices. The important bit to know about this is we have to fill the Greater offices to stay a Barony. Lesser offices can be handled in other ways. NW # 312 Feb 2008 define the greater and lesser offices clearly

Seneschale

Demo Coordinater, Watch (Constable), Gold Key, Explorer (new), Ambassador (new)

Exchequer

Chamberlain

Chronicler

Webminister, Librarian

Chatelaine

Pied Piper, Dragonward

Arts & Sciences

Bardic, Dance, Games

Herald

Voice Herald, Scribe

Stables (aka Marshal)

Archery, Blades, Lists, Chirurgeon, Waterbearer

*NW #319 Sept 2008* brings up the ongoing discussion around a mandatory two year term of office for Baronial Officers. The intent is to give more people a chance at holding an office. It turned out Kingdom already had that rule and Lions Gate was just “re-upping” the officers. Extensions are usually 1 year.

*NW #262 Oct 2002* had the new Baron and Baroness as well as the ever ongoing requests for new officers – this time waterbearers and chronicler.

*NW #256 April 2002* listed the office of Webmaster in the compendium though there had been a web page since *NW #233 Dec 1999 - Jan 2000*

Offices continue to evolve as needs change. Lions Gate adds new ones as needs arise and we let go of old ones when they no longer fit baronial needs. Some evolve and get renamed, Others are the core and have been there since the beginning. All need volunteers to step up and keep the Barony going.

Now for a small look at each office. Exact details of each major office's duties are in the customary.

## **OFFICERS the BARONY has to HAVE**

### **BARONIAL CORONETS - BARON & BARONESS**

*NW #1 January 1975* listed the Shire's Baron Designate.

*NW #3 May 1975* saw a new Baron was being sought.

*NW #202 Nov AS 31* had a notice of a meeting to discuss how Lions Gate would go through the process of selecting a new baron and baroness. The Barony was trying to set up the process before it was needed.

*NW # 204 Feb 1997* published the requirements set out in Corpora for those two offices. As well as what the barony felt were the duties of the Baron and Baroness. Even more on that was in *NW #206 April 1997*.

*NW #257 May 2002* had the letter from Gerhard and Amanda announcing their decision to step down from the baronial seats and seek replacements. They had been the longest serving officers in Lions Gate. Yes, the Baron and Baroness are officers of the Barony. This set up the new cycles for shorter terms of office and the process of formalizing the length of service an officer could serve for at a time. They were not the only long serving officers – others such as Exchequer and Seneschale had served for 10 plus years. It was however time for things to evolve.

*NW #259 July 2002* had the Baronial Coronets selection process outlined with dates and the requirements of who could vote, etc. It also carried the letters from the applicants.

*NW #262 Oct 2002* had the new Baron and Baroness.

The Baronial Coronets continue the changeovers with a polling process for input from the populace with the final decision being made by the crown instead of the Baronial Council.

## seneschale

This office has been there from the very beginning. As our administrative head and interface with the mundane world it is one of the most important offices in the Barony. We can't exist without them.

*Trivia from a former Seneschal* – Seneschale is the female officer and Seneschal is the male officer.

## HERALD

*NW #8 April, 1976* listed the office of Herald for the first time.

*NW #18/19 April, 1977* this issue has the first listing of the Herald's office as Sable Loat Pursuivant.

*NW #291 Nov 2005* the Sable Loat was now listed as Herald.

## exchequer

Originally Chancellor, a properly Chancellor of the Exchequer, this office deals with the Baronial finances and makes sure we are in compliance with all the mundane laws for a non-profit. Lions Gate have had a wonderful series of folk bring professional skills to handling our funds and keeping us in the black.

## STABLES (BRANCH MARSHAL)

*Tales Of Cooling Earth (or how the name Master of Stables came to be) by Bjorn of Hav Ok*

*It Came to Pass that Lions Gate wanted to be come a shire but to that end we needed officers.*

*One of which was the "Knights Marshal" to organize the fighters but we did not have any Knights and were not likely to have one in the near future. So I suggested instead the office be named Constable especially as in my research the Knight Marshal was in charge of ceremony and the Constable was in charge of the nuts and bolts of raising and organizing the armies.*

*Of course objections were raised as mundanely a constable is a member of the police, so alternate #2 – Comitatus Stabalis or Master of Stables from the position in Roman Provinces of a war band leader. Since of course no one wanted to speak Latin - Stables it became.*

*Note 1: Comitatus Stabalis was the alternative name for a war band leader - Dux Beluorum. The title held by the putative Arturos or Arthur in Britain Cir 400-500 CE. Hence the origin of title Duke.*

*Note 2: The office of Constable was then repurposed as the person in charge of taking care of those too dumb to do it themselves. AKA most fighters. And thus was Harold of Warrington sucked in to the bureaucracy.*

Stables is the branch Marshal. This office deals with everything related to fighting - from waivers to practices to armour inspections to making sure warranted marshals are present.

No Stables = no hitting.

**CHATELAINE**

NW #8 April 1976 listed the office of the Chatelaine.

Lions Gate has had one ever since. It often doubled up with other offices but is an essential for newcomers.

**CHRONICLER**

NW #18/19 April, 1977 This issue also has the first mention of a Chronicler – separate from North Wind editor.

Another officer we have ever since.

**SCRIBE**

NW #259 July 2002 listed for the first time in the compendium, the office of Scribe.

NW #320 Nov 2008 reports the Scribe as a greater officer...no longer under the Herald's office.

*(Editors note – the Scribe is listed as a Major office at Principality but not at Kingdom)*

## **OFFICERS THE BARON likes to HAVE (they make things run so much better)**

**ARCHERY**

NW #70 Oct 1982 had the first listing for a Chief Archer

**ARTS & SCIENCES**

From the Shire has had many Arts and Sciences officers. They were separate offices for a very long time and contributed often to articles in the North Wind.

**ARTS**

By NW #2, February, 1975 the Shire of Lions Gate had an Arts officer Designate. Changes were frequent as the incipient Shire of Lions Gate was establishing itself.

**SCIENCES**

NW #1 January 1975 the Shire of Lions Gate had a Sciences Officer

NW #241 October 2000 This issue had a column by the Northern Region Arts and Sciences Minister. At the regional level, these two offices had been combined into one. Lions Gate still had separate offices for both.

NW #292 Dec 2005 - after 30 years, separate Arts and Sciences offices were no more

**Baronial Officer positions available:**

On the last page of this issue, you will find some Lions Gate Officer's positions outlined with a box. These worthy Officers will all be stepping down from their positions at Baroness' Tourney on December 3.

The Arts and Sciences will be combined to form one office, that of Arts & Sciences Mistress/Master.

The Seneschale keeps the Lions Gate calendar, chairs the monthly Council Meetings, and acts as the Barony's legal contact person.

The keeper of Gold Key stores the Barony's supply of loaner medieval clothing and ensures that it gets to events, so that newcomers and visitors may garb themselves.

Applicants for these positions are encouraged to contact the Baron or the Baroness to make their interest known

**BARDIC ARTS**

NW # 247 May 2001 was the first listing of the office of the Bard. Lions Gate was up to 25 officers.

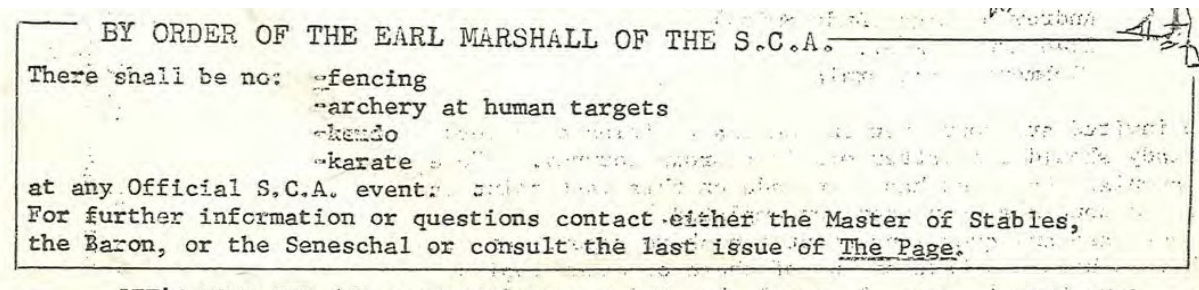
NW #283 Winter 2004-2005 saw the compendium add recorder practice and Collegium Leonum with the officers, eventually to be listed under the Bard

NW #291 November 2005 had the office change from Bard to Bardic Arts.

**BLADES (RAPIER)**

NW #18/19 April 1997

Even though there was interest and work being done in fencing in both Lions Gate and An Tir, those being some of the earliest areas in the SCA to seriously look into that as yet another set of things to do, there were some roadblocks to work around:



Lions Gate did have an active small sword Guild at that time. Allan of Edgewoode was it's first head, followed by Daffyd (who looked a LOT like Allan) and succeeded by Dominc of Aquila as listed in NW #30 September 1978. Both Dominic and Gerhard fenced mundanely so bridging that interest over into Lions Gate was a natural thing which many were interested in. The NSCA being separate from the SCA allowed for a bit of leeway there. For example, NW #28 June 1978 reported there were small swords duels by our folk at V-Con. Lions Gate was an active part of getting small sword accepted into the SCA at large.

NW #142 Oct 1990 saw a new Dean of Fence listed – no longer called small sword but not yet rapier. This was one area that was definitely handled by the guild.

NW #225 April 1999 finally had The Mistress of Blades listed in the officers compendium. It had been an office over the years but only occasionally had been in the formal listings. Given Rapier was very

well established, it was finally taking it's proper place as a significant part of the Barony. It's been there ever since.

## CHAMBERLAIN

NW #211 Oct AS 32 had a "New Office Alert" The office in question was that of Chamberlain and was created as a deputy to the Exchequer. The duties listed were literally "looking after the gear of the barony", keeping track of what was where and with who (in the locker or at someone's house?) with the single biggest part of the job transporting/ arranging for transport of the baronial pavilion to and from events. There was even an offer of arranging for a contact with a good therapist for anyone who thought this sounded like a fun job...

NW #275 March 2004 saw the Chamberlain trying to get an inventory of all the items that were part of an office, defender or retinue position, or things bought for the use of the Barony.  
(Editors note: Inventory of the Baronial gear was and is a bit like herding cats.)

## DANCE

NW #151 Sept 1991 – Lists the Dancemaster as an office instead of a guild as well as Gamemaster. The officer list was getting longer. Dance has been an office ever since.

## EQUESTRIAN

NW #374 March 2017 saw the Barony adding an equestrian officer. Given Allthings practice with Equestrian, Rapier, etc., had been happening at Grene Wode Manor Farm this was a needed step.

## GAMES

NW #14 November, 1976 lists a contact for Games but not whether its an office or treated as a guild

NW #151 Sept 1991 finally lists the Gamemaster as an office

## GOLD KEY

NW #14 November, 1976 explained what the office of Gold Key did. It was often handled by the Chatelaine who frequently held both offices. It just didn't list who was the officer at the time.

## LISTS

*Not a required office for the Barony but just try to have a tourney without them!*

NW #18/19 April, 1977 is the first mention of the Office of Lists. As it is requesting a new Master or Mistress of Lists, the office existed but was not in the officer listings published in the North Wind.

By NW #118 May 1988 Lists finally is in the officer compendium of the North Wind.

## THROWN WEAPONS

NW #354 Dec 2013 -Jan 2014 has the first listing of the Missile Combat/Thrown Weapons officer.

**TUTOR COORDINATOR**

*NW #376 September 2018* was the first compendium listing for the TUTOR coordinator.

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS PIED PIPER**

*NW #101 August-September 1985* had the first mention of the position of Pied Piper (now known as youth/family activities)

*NW #193 Feb 1996* brought up the reason for the vacant Pied Piper office – it was being treated as a babysitting service. That is not what that office is for but it brought to light a problem which had become larger and affected all office positions. This was the attitude of “I come to events to enjoy myself and not to do work.” Without volunteers to perform the offices needed to run an event and help with setup and end of event clean up, events can't happen. When things are left to the officer to deal with it as “it's so and so's job”, officers burn out and no one wants to take on the office. This attitude has surfaced from time to time over Lions Gates history.

*NW #217 June 1998* had the Pied Piper also listed as Dean of Pages. This was due to the College of Pages needing a representative in each Barony but Lions Gate felt there were not enough Pages in the Barony to have it as a separate office. Pages would eventually become Youth.

*NW #352 August 2013* no longer lists Pied Piper. The office had been vacant for an extended period.

*NW #355 February 2014* has the first listing of the Family Activities Coordinator. It was also vacant until *NW # 374 March 2017*.

**WARDEN FOR YOUTH ARMoured COMBAT**

*NW #227 June 1999* had the information about Whalebone and Boffer in the Kingdom of An Tir which would lead to needing a Youth Armoured Combat Officer. That was in the compendium as of *NW #*

*NW # 375 June 2017* Allthings practice with Equestrian, Rapier, etc., had been happening at Grene Wode Manor Farm had Youth Armoured combat every second Sunday.

**WEBMINISTER**

*NW #233 Dec 1999 - Jan 2000* had the first mention of a Lions Gate webpage from the Chronicler. It just didn't mention which officers...

We haven't forgotten about the Baronial Webpage. It has been delayed due to the mundane responsibilities of the Officers involved. Hopefully it will be up and running soon.

*NW #256 April 2002* listed the office of Webmaster in the compendium.

Still able to be silly, *NW #332 April 2010* has the deputy for this office listed as Webspinner.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

*NW # 379 Jan Feb Mar 2023* had the new office of Social Media

## OFFICERS THE BARONY NO LONGER HAS

### KEEPER OF THE CALENDAR

This is the first of the officer positions which no longer exist but were essential to having a shire which ran well. These were the days before internet which meant communications were in person, telephone and snail mail.

The job was literally to keep track of events, practices and council meetings and prevent conflicts with other branch events as well as being able to inform people of what was happening when.

This office was listed in *NW #14 Nov 1976* but by *NW #57 Sept 1981*, the office was held by the Seneschale. It was still listed as a separate office, though from that point on was always held by the Seneschale until it finally ceased to be listed separately as of *NW #309 Sept 2007*

### CHIRURGEON

(Aka Medic though *NW #132 Oct 1989* had the chirurgeon office listed as Leech...)

This office actually needed mundane qualifications. A standard first aid certificate was the minimum. As time went on Lions Gate was fortunate to have many professionals fill this role and care for our people, especially the fighters. It was an office filled from May 1979 until July 2007. (though like many lesser officers, not mentioned in the North Wind until *NW #43 June 1980* and intermittently thereafter) *NW # 308 July/August 2007* lists it as “*Volunteer needed!*” It remained vacant but still listed in the compendium listed until *NW #340 Dec 2010*.

*Elvina's note: Usually the candidate for an officer role gets to volunteer. Occasionally in the distant past, they have been “volun-told”. As when the Barony was first in need of a Chirurgeon in 1979 and the council found out I was an active member of St. John Ambulance Brigade. I was sent out of Council for 5 minutes while they discussed it, they called me back in and told me I was the new Baronial Chirurgeon. At the time, fighting events such as tourneys and wars needed to have a chirurgeon present for the fighting to happen. Being a heavy fighter myself, I understood the need and took on the role. Lions Gate does **not** select officers this way any more.*

*NW #317 July 2008* Brought up the issues from the BOD around two offices: Chirurgeon – cannot be required for events; and Waterbearer – not meeting various food safety so will probably be prohibited.

### WATERBEARERS

*NW #47 Oct 1980* saw the formal organization of the Waterbearers by Melissa Kendal. Literally, the waterbearers, a role conceived by Countess Melissa as a youth, took care of the fighters by bearing water to the edges of the war fields and erics between rounds of fighting.

It was a role many of our youth fulfilled as a way of participating. It was greatly appreciated by the fighters and others, as many of us were still learning about the effects of dehydration, etc. Fortunately we have come a long way in learning to care for ourselves while participating in such activities.

*NW #322 March 2009* no longer lists the Office of Waterbearer, which had been vacant since the beginning of 2005. The office ended as health concerns about the way water was being shared became more evident. Also liability issues came to the fore. It has been replaced by stocks of water kept by Lists and made available to the fighters.

However, those of us who remember being very hot and dry on a war field hold those who served as

waterbearers in high esteem with our forever grateful appreciation of their care.

## CONSTABLE AKA CAPTAIN OF THE WATCH AKA SHERIFF

The office of the constable was basically a person who did everything from making sure folk who had too a little much to imbibe were helped back to their tents out of the cold and damp, to flagging tent guy lines to prevent tripping in the dark, checking camp fires had died down and were safe to leave when folk went to sleep (open flames and real wood in those days), to dealing with mundanes interacting in not always appropriate ways. The constable was a reliable person who could be turned to for help when needed. They took care of us.

*NW #20 May, 1977* is the first formal mention of the office of Constable when it stated that Harold of Warrington was taking over Stables but would also retain the office of Constable. There was a brief mention of the title Constable in *NW 14* in the gossip column so the office had probably been in place for a while even though it was not in the officer listings in the North Wind.

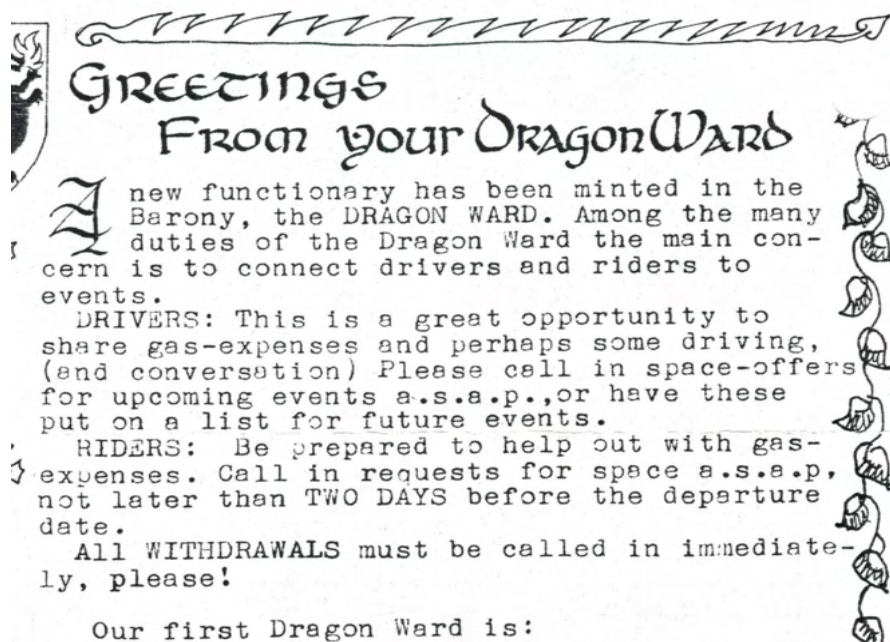
*NW #200 September 1996* had a checklist for folk to figure out if they were a die-hard constable. It showed just how dedicated these officers were.

*NW #254 February 2002* Constable had become Captain of the Watch.

*NW #289 July Aug 2005* saw Captain of the Watch replaced by Sheriff (possibly earlier but *NW #284-288* are missing) This was short term and it went back to Watch.

*NW #354 Dec 2013 -Jan 2014* has the last mention of the Watch. The office had been vacant for an extended period.

## DRAGONWARD



*NW #136 March 1990* saw the creation of the office of DragonWard. The dragonward was the person who coordinated sharing rides in dragons (cars, etc.) to events. You let them know you had room in your dragon or if you were looking for a ride and were willing to share gas costs and the Dragonward would put people in touch with each other.

Before internet and social media, it was essential for many folk to participate. As time moved on and people could connect in other ways, the Dragonward was no longer needed and was officially ended as of *NW #330 November 2009*.

## REGISTRAR

*NW #13, September, 1976* brought another new officer – Registrar. This office had nothing to do with classes – it was person handling the membership for the interface with the mundane world – the Northern Society for Creative Anachronism. The NSCA was the mundane non-profit in British Columbia for legal purposes (limited liability, etc.) as the SCA was not at that time an international organization. After the first couple of years the office was usually only listed when reminding folks to renew their NSCA memberships. It ended with the end of the NSCA.

## DEMO COORDINATOR

*NW 174 Dec AS 28* lists the office of Demo coordinator for the first time with *NW #175* listing the proposed policy around demos.

*NW #254 February 2002* had the office of Demo co-ordinator listed as vacant

*NW #332 April 2010* saw the office of Demo co-ordinator no longer listed in the compendium.

We no long list Demo co-ordinator in the compendium but it is still in the customary under the Chatelaine.

## LIBRARIAN

*NW #220 September 1998* had the Barony acquire books for the beginning of a Baronial Library from a retiring university professor. It included useful works such as Fox-Davies - A Complete Guide to Heraldry, the Larousse Encyclopedia of Byzantine and Medieval Art, and the Penguin Atlas of Medieval History. The result of acquiring these and other many other useful books was the need for someone to care for them and handle loaning them out. The new Office of Librarian was born.

*NW # 32 Nov 1999* Saw the Baronial Library actually opened as we finally had a Librarian. It was available on Mondays and by appointment.

*NW #304 March 3007* after being unlisted for a while, the Librarian was back.

*NW # 376 September 2018* listed the office as vacant and it stopped being listed as of *NW # 379 Jan Feb Mar 2023*

## BOOK STORE

*NW #236 April 2000* This issue also listed in the compendium, the new office of Book Store. It was there until *NW #283 Winter 2004-2005*. No explanation of exactly what it was.

Since Lions Gate began, more than 200 of her folk have served the first the Shire and then the Barony as officers. Giving of their time and efforts to handle both the needed tasks at events and all the behind the scenes work that allows us all to enjoy the Dream. Without those volunteers, Lions Gate would cease to be.

To all past officers who have served Lions Gate, Thank you.

To all future officers, Thank you in advance.

All of you are truly appreciated.

By the way, if you haven't tried being an officer it's a great way to learn new things. Consider volunteering as a deputy. You can learn about the office to see if you would like to do it before committing to take it on. Being a deputy does not commit you to taking on that office. An office can have more than one deputy.

*Editors note: I have done my best to be accurate about the history of Lions Gate officers. There are some missing North Wind issues so I may have missed a bit here and there, The source for most of the information is the North Winds themselves and even those have internal contradictions in a few places. Only my comments on becoming the first Chirurgen and Bjorn's explanation of the origin of the Master of Stables office name are other. Any errors are my own.*

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